Installing Your New Mapleleaf Bathtub

A word of **CAUTION**: Your new bath has a durable finish; however, extra care should be exercised during installation by using pads, blankets or cutting around the dotted lines on the carton and using it as a protective pad in the bottom of the bath. Rough handling, dropped tools and ladders may cause damage. Do not drop or hit the bath on hard objects. Do not push against the apron or stand ladders in the bath. Always remove shoes before standing in the bath.

1. Thoroughly inspect the bath before installation. Report any damage to the supplier and request their advice on continuing installation.

2. Check the level of the floor. After measuring bath dimensions, frame the construction area (stringer heights differ according to bath type and size). *Position the bath in place making sure the sound deadening / leveling pad is resting completely on the sub-floor*. Mark the joist so a 2"x 4" stringer can be nailed in place. This stringer will be located under the bath flange and against the wall. Nail the 2"x 4" support in place. Re-position the bath and check for level both front to back and left to right

NOTE: If the building has steel stud construction, use self-tapping screws with flat washers instead of nails. (refer to Alternative cleaning method)

3. If necessary, use small shims to achieve level installation.

NOTE: There may be a small gap between apron panel and floor to allow for tile, carpeting, etc. to be installed. Use caulking to seal this gap.

4. Secure bath to studs by overlapping the tiling flange with large-head galvanized roofing nails or drywall screws and washers.

5. Overflow / drain assembly, faucet and showerhead should be installed to manufacturers specifications. Over-tightening these fixtures will cause damage to the bath.

CARE AND CLEANING

For normal care and cleaning: clean with warm water, mild detergent and soft clothe or stiff nylon brush. Never use abrasive scouring powders or pads.

Alternative cleaning method: The use of "Barkeepers Friend" or "Zud" and a stiff nylon brush is highly recommended for installations when the combination of steel studs and self-tapping screws may cause rust stains to appear on the finished surface. The cleaning of tools, paint brushes and using the bath as a trash receptacle will result in "surface rust" and will need to be cleaned with the same alternative cleaning method. If the finished surface is not properly cleaned the rust will continue to re-appear.